(54) Title: SCREEN IMAGE AUTHENTICATION
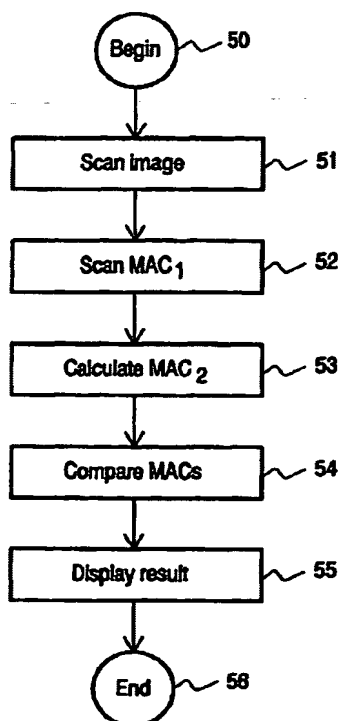
(57) Abstract: A method of verifying the authenticity of an image (1) ren-
dered on a display screen (10) involves using a graphical representation of an
authentication code (2) associated with the image. The graphical representa-
tion of the authentication code is also rendered on the display screen, while
optional guide marks (3) may also be displayed. Both the image (1) and the
associated authentication code (2) are read using a scanner (20), preferably a
handheld linear scanner. The scanner calculates an authentication code based
upon the image and compares the calculated authentication code with the au-
thentication code read from the display.

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